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Impact of MGNREGA on the Cost of Agricultural Production
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the increase in the cost of agricultural production upto now as a result of implementation of Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA);

(b) whether the Government proposes to accept the recommendations made by Agricultural Cost and Price Commission to link the MGNREGA with Agriculture and bring the agricultural works of farmers under MGNREGA to avert the adverse effects of above mentioned increase in the cost; and

(c) if so, the details in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a): The Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP) in its report on Price Policy for kharif crops of 2013-14 has mentioned the considerable increase in cost of cultivation since the inception of Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA).

(b) & (c): In order to integrate MGNREGA with agricultural operations, the MGNREGA works are being implemented only in lean agriculture season. In addition 60% of the total expenditure under MGNREGA is being utilized for creating assets in agriculture sector for increasing agricultural productivity.

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